

You were very quick to go after the stations that broadcast the Super Bowl half-time show that had Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction in the form of condemnation and fines. Yet, it appears that you will stand back and allow Sinclair Broadcasting's airing of a highly partisan propaganda piece just before the election. You do this nation a great disservice. As the "news" programs become less and less about facts and fairness and more and more about power and money, this democracy grows ever more divided and weaker.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please stop this dangerous precedent. If you allow them to air "Stolen Honor" then require them to air "Going Upriver" immediately before or after. I cannot express to you how dismayed I am to see the deterioration of the integrity of broadcasting in this country under your watch. Please stop it now. Thank you.

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